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Hoosier Archives was originally a periodic listing of the Diplomacy archives of Walter Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon, Indiana, 46052, telephone (317) 482-2824; Archives Director, N3FGBDD and a member of TDA, IFWDS, and the PDRC. It is now primarily a Diplomacy magazine devoted to articles on good play, demonstration games such as The Grudge Game (1971 BC) now in progress, rating systems, and game news. Information from the archives is vital for all this and is available to the public as well. Although the archives is virtually complete in at least xerox form, except for Ruritanian and the LASFS zines, missing undamaged originals are solicited, either for purchase or a loan to permit xeroxing. (See the last quarterly archives listing in Hoosier Archives #53 for zines needed.) Many original spares are now available from the archives and more are solicited so as to make them available to others. A subscription to Hoosier Archives is \$5/\$2.00 (or 7/\$1.00); back issues are available for a stamp apiece. Ask for issue #55 to get a list of all articles through #58. This is Albatross Press Publication #84.



#### INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 23

One of Diplomacy's least prolific writers, the Rev. Brian Bailey, is presented here for the first time with a report on what he believes to be the first Diplomacy game in recorded history. The Rev. Bailey, a founder and original member of the now-deceased Lafayette Tactics Association which included such original Diplomacy "greats" as Charles Turner, James Justin Dygert, and Anders Swenson, was the publisher of Armageddonia which set a standard of quality in Diplomacy publications that few have equalled. The Rev. Bailey, now in New Guinea teaching local natives the arts of Diplomacy and French cooking, prepared the following article as part of his canonical examinations at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, from which he holds the degree of Master of Divine Sciences. With the publication of this original article Hoosier Archives has published more articles on more subjects by more authors than any other Diplomacy magazine.

#### THE FIRST DIPLOMACY GAME ON EARTH by Rev. Brian Bailey

Amen.

Our text for this paper is Matt. 27: 35; "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet. They parted my garments among them, and upon the my vesture did they cast lots." Mark, the original source of this press release, records it as follows: "And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots for them, what every man should take." (Mk. 15:24). The reference to the Prophet is to the 22nd Psalm of David, verse 18, which states: "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture."

It is my contention that this press release from Mark, repeated by Matthew, and predicted by the Prophet David, is a retelling of the first Diplomacy game played on earth.

The facts that support this interpretation are as follows:

- 1) The manner in which the victor is rewarded, by crucifixion.
- 2) The parting of garments, a traditional means of disarming opponents.

3) The reference to casting lots is obviously a means of recounting the occupation of provinces and supply centers which are, after all, merely, large "lots" or pieces of real estate.

4) The known presence of military personnel, Roman soldiers; propaganda experts, Jewish theologians; and press reporters, Matthew, Mark, Luke, etc.

All of these factions and the related events lead to one conclusion: that is that the first Diplomacy game was played on Calvary Mountain, the Jewish place of the Skull (Golgotha) and was probably played by the following cast:

AUSTRIA (a Roman Centurion), ENGLAND (A Jewish merchant), FRANCE (a wandering harlot), GERMANY (a barbarian), ITALY (a Roman Senator), RUSSIA (another Roman senator), TURKEY (a wandering Jew). No doubt the game opened with the traditional occupation of unoccupied supply centers and was followed by a round of back-stabs as one alliance (the Romans) attempted to over-come the other bloc (the Jews) while the poor harlot tried, vainly, to make an alliance with either. After a few years of play it became obvious that superior Roman skill and force would win, whereupon the Jews resorted to trickery and called upon their God, El Fa-Tah, to intervene on their behalf. He promptly responded by hiding the sun behind a cloud for several hours, hurling lightning bolts, and causing a great wind and heavy rains. Undeterred by all this the Romans pressed on with the attack. Having taken 15 supply centers they needed only three more to win. Finally, a strong attack through Syria and Turkey fell. Celebrating their defeat of the Jews the Romans promptly tacked the ENGLISH, FRENCH and TURKISH players up on crosses with the following sign over their head, 29 AD. A. That was, apparently, the first Diplomacy game.

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#### VISIT TO THE ARCHIVES NO. 5

Part of the Pottsville, Vermont Diplomacy group visited here last weekend to make up the largest Diplomacy get-together yet. Among the herd that came to visit were: Bangs Leslie Tapscott, editor of Crawstark, and his girl friend, Fiffi Le Rue, Wade Hampton Johnson, and his friend, Minnie Oyster. Also attending were several cows from the local pasture, and representatives of the Candy Factory down the road. After a series of pott parties, which included bobbing for watermelons and pulling taffy, a serious game of Diplomacy was held. The countries assigned included: Iceland (Tapscott), Andorra (Le Rue), San Marino (Johnson), Peerijavo (Oyster), Novi Sodom (Buchanan), and Besharabia (a cow). The game went first towards a Iceland-San Marino-Peerijavo alliance but the coalition of Andorra and Besharabia proved too strong. An end-game double-cross by Besharabia gave them a victory. Another one for the cows of Cow Pastures!

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#### INTO THE ARCHIVES LISTING

Among articles added to the Archives recently are:

- "The Art of Losing Gracefully," by John Beshara
- "Brevity In Press Releases and Articles," by Larry Peery
- "Ba Ba Black Sheep, Have You Any Wool," by Robert Lamb
- "The Polish Opening," by Stan Wrobel
- "Bottoms Up: A Rating System," by Maggie Gerignani
- "Will the real Edi Birsan please stand up?" by Buddy Tretick

THE GRUDGE GAME (1971BC)  
Fall 1945

AUSTRIA: A Vie-Bud, F Bothnia-S-Bar-St. Pete n.c., F Norweg-S-Norway,  
(Lakofka) F NAT-Liv, F Nuy-S-Bar-St.Pete n.c., F Bar-St.Pete n.c.,

ENGLAND: A War-H, A Gal-Uk, A Uk-Sev, A Sev-Arm, A Rum-Gal.  
(Prosnitz)

FRANCE: A Burg-Mun, A Mun-Tyr, A Tyr-Tri, A Tri-Alb, A Alb-Gree,  
(Birsan) F Gre-Bul s.c.

GERMANY: OUT  
(Key)

ITALY: A Rom-Den, F Tyrr, F WM, F Mid, F EC, F Nth-C-Rom-Den,  
(Walker) A Kiel-S-Rim-Den.

RUSSIA: F Sved-S-Fin-Nuy, F Bal-S-Sue, A Liv-S-St.Pete, A Fin-Nuy, A St.Pete-  
(Snythe) S-Fin-Nuy, A Mos-S-St.Pete.

TURKEY: A Port-H, F Skag-S-ITALIAN A Rom-Den, A Pru-S-Sil-Ber, A Sil-Ber.  
(Tretick)

Gamesmaster Error: Because of my forgetting to place a common between two Turkish orders in the Fall 1906 moves, 78 issues ago, the Turkish player, Buddy Tretick, has demanded that all moves since then be replayed. Players should inform the gamesmaster of their opinion of this demand with their winter adjustments.

GAME OPENINGS

The following Diplomacy game zine editors are believed to currently have regular game openings in their zines:

82. Golda Meir, Ei Fatah, Mailing Wall Read, 6, Jerusalem, Israel.  
92. Henry Kissinger, Loves, Cozy Inn Motel, Route 665, Washington, D.C.  
101. Richard Nixon, Travels With Dickie, The White House, Washington, D.C.  
102. Chou En-lai, Fearless Leader, Peiking Hilton, Peiking, China.

CALHAMER AVERAGE POINT COUNT RATING SYSTEM

In Platypus Pie #14 of 28 March 1972, Brenton Ver Plug updated this system which last appeared in Hochsler Archives #54 of 15 January 1972. Brent has also included draws and the result is rather interesting.

First Board:

1. John Beshara	.999	6. Edi Kluck	.994
2. Gene Prosnitz	.998	7. Tiffany Beshara	.993
3. Richard Miller	.997		
4. John Beardman	.996		
5. Maggie Gemignani	.995		

## ARCHIVES MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS

The world-famous Hoosier Archives today moved into their new home located in a former cow pasture near Lebanon, Indiana. At dedication ceremonies attended by Gov. Perry Saunders and members of the Legislature, the Hoosier Archives were opened to the public. The new building, constructed at a cost of \$42 million, is the world's largest air-conditioned, marble-faced, quonset hut. More than three times the size of the Pentagon, the new building contains 1,200 miles of shelving, 12,000 four-drawer filing cabinets, and 3,000,000 documents.

Contained in the collection of the Archives are the entire set of the Beshara Papers, 2,300 volumes; the Prosnitz-Prosnitz Correspondence, 1,111 volumes, and the Peery-Perry-Perry Papers, 14,000 volumes.

The entire collection has been reproduced on microfilm for the convenience of scholars all over the world and is available through a regional lending library.

The new custodian of the Archives is Dr. Roger R. Smith, former Chief Archivist of the United States.

As visitors enter the Archives gallery they see below them in sealed containers the originals of the first issues of Graustark, Erehwon, and Hoosier Archives. Placed near the exit is a special exhibit of the three first issues of Wazir, considered by many to be the prize exhibit of the Archives since these copies are known to have been touched by the hand of The Great One and are dotted with spots believed to be from the sacred pomegranate. It is reported by authorities that The Great One was handed the sacred pomegranate from God himself atop Mt. Zion's famed Westgate Plaza as a symbol of his authority and divine mission.

## PEERY STRANDED BY SNOW

Wishing to be present at the dedication ceremonies of the new quarters of Hoosier Archives, Ler Rinse Peery today flew directly from San Diego to Lebanon by way of Havana on a chartered Allegheny Airlines 747½ jet. At the airport, Peery rented a Rolls ("I want a big car if I have to drive through this blinding snow," he is reported to have said). As Peery started off on the 3/4 mile trek, the car skidded on two of the three snow flakes lying on the ground, slid off the road and landed, right side up, in an 11" ditch. Peery got out and wrung his hands, moaning, "What am I going to do now? It's really stuck in there! And in spite of my three sets of long underwear, sheepskin coat, 2 mufflers and my good pair of sacred coahide (fur-lines) gloves, I'm freezing! ((Ed. note--the temperature was 30 degrees above zero.)) Oh, I'm not going to make it to the dedication in time to give my 17 hour dedication speech today. Ohhhhhh....." Peery was last seen wandering in the vicinity of the local Candy Shoppe when all at once a gigantic 2" snowflake was observed heading straight for Peery. Observers surmise that Peery was buried under the snow fall and rescuers have not yet located him.

## STOP THE PRESS!

News has just been received that the infamous Hoosier Archives will cease publication--effective immediately. When reporters asked Walton Woolwine, nominal head of the Albatross Press publications, why he was disbanding his operation, he replied, "My typist just up and quit on me. I just can't understand it. After all, Hoosier Archives has only been a daily 10-page zine for 7 years now--why that's only 3650 pages a year (3660 in a leap year). And after she typed up the zine each day, the only other projects she had were to type up the 2299 address labels for that day's use, then do page counts for at least 50 zines a day, file the 78 zines that arrived in the day's mail, answer the 961 letters requesting back issues and then after that was all completed, she had her coffee break. Hell, she was only working 2½ hours a day! I just don't understand it!"

All reporters could get out of Carol was "Burn it, burn it all, the whole thing!" The Famed Albatross is being given to the Pandamonium Zoo where it can be seen along side a pinitopus.